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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT  
37 C.F.R. § 1.97(b)

Sir,

Pursuant 37 C.F.R. § 1.97 encouraging the filing of an Information Disclosure Statement, the Applicants submit this paper to introduce art that they wish to have the Examiner consider, and to introduce art in compliance with their duty of disclosure as set forth in 37 C.F.R. § 1.56.

The art has been listed on the attached modified PTO Form 1449. This includes ten (10) U.S. Patents. Copies of the U.S. Patents have not been submitted pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.491(b).

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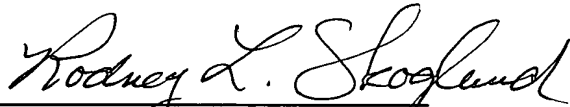
document to the examination of this application. The Examiner is requested to disregard any markings on the documents.

Applicants respectfully request that the information cited be made of record in the subject case.

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The Information Disclosure Statement submitted herewith is being filed before the mailing of a first Office Action or within three months of its filing. No certification or fee is due with this filing of the Information Disclosure Statement. 37 C.F.R. 1.97(b).

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